

Collection Summary

Title

Schuenemeyer Family collection

Date

1796 - 2002

Extent

2 archival boxes

Name and Location of Repository

Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence, MO

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Names of Creators

Denniston, Ivon

Denniston, Selma Schuenemeyer

Biographical History

Selma Schuenemeyer was born on May 3, 1924 in Syracuse, Nebraska. She married Ivon Denniston in St. Louis, Missouri in 1948. Selma was part of the extended Schuenemeyer family, who settled in the Woollam, Missouri area in Gasconade County. While she and Ivon eventually settled in Texas, Selma retained a keen interest in family and genealogy, regularly visiting her Missouri cousins and searching for abandoned cemeteries containing family resting places. She and Ivon took an interest in traveling, and their journeys are well documented. They had one daughter, Diane (known as Dee) in 1952. The chronology of the collection ends not long after Dee's wedding in 1982, so it is likely Selma left this collection of family history to Dee when she began her own family.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of documents and photographs of the Schuenemeyer family and extended relations. It is organized into 2 series. Series 1 contains documents pertaining to various members of the extended Schuenemeyer family. Included are some photographs of particular family members. The series is further divided into the following subseries, arranged by date. Series 2 largely consists of photographs of the collection's creators, Ivon and Selma Denniston. There are also photographs pertaining to various members of the extended Schuenemeyer family and their activities. The series is further divided into the following subseries, arranged by date and then alphabetically.

Collection Inventory

System of Arrangement

These records are arranged in 2 series:

Box 1

Series 1 – Documents (1796 – 2002)

Subseries 1 – Schuenemeyer/Wilkens branch (1796 - 1938)

- Folder 1 – Schuenemeyer, Christian and Marie (Grothaus) 1796
- Folder 2 – Schuenemeyer, Claus and Anna (Oterson) 1800
- Folder 3 – Wilkens, Henry and Gesine (Schuenemeyer) 1832
- Folder 4 – Schuenemeyer, Christian and Meta (Boettcher) 1845
- Folder 5 – Kruse, John and Margaretha (Rust) 1846
- Folder 6 – Schuenemeyer, Herman and Alana (Biehle) 1858
- Folder 7 – Lahmeyer, Dick and Catherine (Wilkens) 1859
- Folder 8 – Wilkens, Henry and Gesina (Biehle) 1869
- Folder 9 – Hanne, August and Marie (Wilkens) 1873
- Folder 10 – Thomann, Oscar and Hattie (Schuenemeyer) 1882
- Folder 11 – Kruse, Fred and Emma (Wilkens) 1883
- Folder 12 – Schuenemeyer, Louis and Clara (Carver) 1883
- Folder 13 – Schuenemeyer, Franklin and Lydia (Wilkens) 1883
- Folder 14 – Schalk, August and Ella (Hanne) 1900
- Folder 15 – Kreutzer, John and Pearl (Schuenemeyer) 1901
- Folder 16 – Kruse, Joy and Mabel (Wellman) 1911
- Folder 17 – Schuenemeyer, Lee and Dorothy (Hale) 1912
- Folder 18 – Von Behren, Clarence and Florence (Thomann) 1913
- Folder 19 – Schuenemeyer, Neal and Ruby (Hollick) 1914
- Folder 20 – Andrews, Leonard and Lucile (Schuenemeyer) 1914
- Folder 21 – Garner, E. F. and Muriel (Schuenemeyer) 1914
- Folder 22 – Denniston, Ivon and Selma (Schuenemeyer) 1915
- Folder 23 – Kruse, Virgil and Leila (Liesemeyer) 1916
- Folder 24 – Kruse, Ernest and Veona (Vollertson) 1920
- Folder 25 – Queckboerner, Jess and Dorothy (Schuenemeyer) 1921
- Folder 26 – Schuenemeyer, Norman and Wanda (Stafford)/
Betty Ann (Gaskin) 1938

Subseries 2 – Unknown Connections (1813 – 1871)

- Folder 1 – “Seba” 1813
- Folder 2 – Boettcher, Wichmann and Margaretha (Unknown) 1828
- Folder 3 – Boettcher, George and Christine (Michels) 1860
- Folder 4 – Boettcher Herman and Caroline (Strehlman) 1867
- Folder 5 – Mellies, Edward and Lydia (Unknown) 1871

Subseries 3 – Wellensiek/Wilkens branch (1814 – 1889)

- Folder 1 – Wellensiek, Johann and Margaretha (Kramer)/Marie (Mueller) 1814
- Folder 2 – Wellensiek, Herman and Louise (Brandt) 1844
- Folder 3 – Wilkens, Herman and Maria (Wellensiek)/Frieda (Finke)/Mary (Frank)
1864
- Folder 4 – Schact, Edward and Ella (Wilkens) 1889

- Subseries 4 – Boettcher/Schuenemeyer branch (1815 – 1908)
 - Folder 1 – Boettcher, Casten and Gesche (Dreuchor) 1815
 - Folder 2 – Boettcher, George and Anna (Renken) 1857
 - Folder 3 – Schulte, Lee and Wilhelmina (Schuenemeyer) 1880
 - Folder 4 – Boettcher, John and Sophia (Abel) 1885
 - Folder 5 – Boettcher, William and Olinda (Finke) 1887
 - Folder 6 – Liles, Charles and Ruth (Schulte) 1904
 - Folder 7 – Garner, Claude and Esther (Schulte) 1908
- Subseries 5 – Miscellaneous Documents (1878 – 2002)
 - Folder 1 – Real Estate Documentation (1878 – 1934)
 - Folder 2 – Woollam Methodist Church (1896)
 - Folder 3 – Personal Correspondence (1905 – 2002)
 - Folder 4 – Maps

Box 2

- Series 2 – Photographs (1880s – 1986)
 - Subseries 1 – Schuenemeyer and Extended Family (1880s – 1986)
 - Folder 1 – Schuenemeyer 1880s – 1986
 - Folder 2 – Family 1979 – 1982
 - Folder 3 – Family 1983 – 1984
 - Subseries 2 – Ivon and Selma Denniston and Family (1930s – 1985)
 - Folder 1 – Denniston, Ivon and Selma 1930's – 1945
 - Folder 2 – Denniston, Ivon and Selma 1947
 - Folder 3 – Denniston, Ivon and Selma 1948
 - Folder 4 – Denniston, Ivon and Selma 1949 – 1955
 - Folder 5 – Denniston, Ivon and Selma 1962 – 1966
 - Folder 6 – Denniston, Ivon and Selma 1967 – 1975
 - Folder 7 – Friends and Neighbors 1943 – 1981
 - Folder 8 – Homes 1948 – 1976
 - Folder 9 – Denniston, Diane 1952 – 1954
 - Folder 10 – Denniston, Diane 1955
 - Folder 11 – Denniston, Diane 1956 – 1959
 - Folder 12 – Denniston, Diane 1960 – 1970
 - Folder 13 – Denniston, Diane 1971 – 1982
 - Folder 14 – Pets 1952 – 1983
 - Folder 15 – Vehicles 1962 – 1983
 - Folder 16 – Travel 1971 – 1981
 - Folder 17 – Travel 1982
 - Folder 18 – Travel 1983
 - Folder 19 – Travel 1984
 - Folder 20 – Travel 1985

Rights and Access

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research use by appointment.

Physical Access

Records within this collection are housed in file folders.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use

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Languages and Scripts of the Material

Materials in the collection are mostly in English, with a few documents in German.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was donated by Catherine Zook.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected for this collection.

Existence and Location of Originals

Originals owned by the Midwest Genealogy Center.

Notes

The following sources were consulted during the preparation of the biographical history:

- Ancestry.com. 1940 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012.
- Information found within collection